

## TOWN OF WELLTON

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### Minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting

**Mayor Cecilia McCollough called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.**

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Cecilia McCollough, Councilmembers Kenneth Baughman and Michelle Jones.

**Councilmember Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Brian Claar and Councilmember Lisa Jameson.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Larry Killman, Deputy Town Clerk Sandra Jones, Finance Director Shantel Quinonez, Public Works Director Joe Grant, Police Chief Donald Jones, Fire Chief Mark Rivera, and Town Attorney Gary Verburg (telephonically).

**Guests Present:** Eli Ortega, Ed & Sally Hawley, Johnnie Altstatt, Fran Enos, Darren Simmons, Richard Nix, Frank Hibbard, Shirley Reynolds, Lee Irwin, Kristl Jones, Luis Luna, and Jim Williamson.

#### **Call to the Public:**

**Lee Irwin - Wellton Branch Library:** New Branch Supervisor introduced herself to Council.

#### **Department Heads**

##### **Police Department**

Chief Jones reported on activity for August 2017. He has completed his Taser Instructor Recertification. Department Taser training has been scheduled for September 21. The Gila River Grant has been recommended for funding. The \$249,000 grant application consisted of five (5) vehicles for the Police Department and crossing signs for Wellton School. The GOHS Grant was funded at \$5,000. The Stone Garden allocation for Wellton Police Department was increased by roughly \$20,000, after another department returned unused funds. Funding for the next year to be discussed in a meeting next week. Staff is working on a grant application for a \$3,300 request for body armor. The Department has received the training on the opioid overdose medication. Staff is currently working on procuring lighting for the internet sales meeting place near the office. The Prescription Drug Drop-Off box is up and available for use by the public in the police department lobby.

##### **Magistrate and Court Department**

Town Manager Killman reported on August 2017 activity. There was \$5,911 collected in fines. 5 citations issued (3 civil, 1 misdemeanor, and 1 criminal traffic). Judge Jones is at training this week.

##### **Fire Department**

Chief Rivera reported on activity for July 2017 and August 2017. July had 23 runs – 9 day runs and 4 were southside of the tracks. There was 1 train delay of 30 seconds. August had 39 runs – 23 day runs and 14 were southside of the tracks. There were 2 train delays of a total of one and a half minutes.

## Public Works Department

Water: Staff recently added a new filter aid to our polymer coagulant and the results have been very good. The finished turbidity of our water is now at or near the lowest it has ever been. Of the utility carts purchased last month, the park's is finished and in service, the other two soon will be finished. Streets: The street crew has been working on the annual tree trimming and general landscape maintenance. But we have been reinforced by the Community Betterment Crew from ADOC once again. They will help a great deal and again, at no cost to the Town. I've been told we should have them for several months which is always subject to change. Our first line curbside sanitation truck is back in service after \$ 4,600 in electrical control repair. Golf Course: The crew removed the leaning wall at the Pro Shop and reshaped the hillside, reinstalled the sprinkler system and continued the post fence up from the course past the Pro Shop in place of the old wall. They've filled most of the cracks at the old skate park trying to make the surface as smooth as possible getting the court ready for the Pickleball players that will be returning soon. They have started drying up, scalping and dethatching the turf, the initial steps in the overseeding process. The Pool and Golf Course are both closed for the season.

## Discussion and Action Items

### 1. Approval of Minutes:

#### a. For the Meeting of August 15, 2017 (Regular Meeting).

Motion made by Councilmember Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the minutes for the Meeting of August 15, 2017 (Regular Meeting). Voice vote: 3-0-0-2 (yay-nay-abstain-absent). Motion carried.

### 2. Discussion and possible action to approve Tri-Valley Ambulance Services' request to hold their Annual Benefit at the Wellton Community Center on Saturday, November 18, 2017 and to review and approve their request for a Special Event Liquor License as required by Arizona Liquor Control.

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Baughman to approve Tri-Valley Ambulance Services' request to hold their Annual Benefit at the Wellton Community Center on Saturday, November 18, 2017 and to review and approve their request for a Special Event Liquor License as required by Arizona Liquor Control. Voice vote: 3-0-0-2 (yay-nay-abstain-absent). Motion carried.

### 3. Discussion and possible action to accept the new adopted and revised Yuma Regional Communication Systems (YRCS) Bylaws and terms and conditions to become a YRCS member and authorize the Town Manager to execute the document.

Motion made by Councilmember Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Jones to accept the new adopted and revised Yuma Regional Communication Systems (YRCS) Bylaws and terms and

conditions to become a YRCS member and authorize the Town Manager to execute the document. Voice vote: 3-0-0-2 (yay-nay-abstain-absent). Motion carried.

**4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution #616 – a Resolution enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wellton authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Gila River Indian Community for the Wellton Police Department School Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Program and authorize the Town Manager to execute the document.**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Baughman to adopt Resolution #616 – a Resolution enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wellton authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Gila River Indian Community for the Wellton Police Department School Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Program and authorize the execution of the document. Voice vote: 3-0-0-2 (yay-nay-abstain-absent). Motion carried.

**5. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution #617 – a Resolution enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wellton accepting membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust and authorize execution of the document.**

Motion made by Councilmember Baughman, seconded by Councilmember Jones to adopt Resolution #617 – a Resolution enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wellton accepting membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust and authorize execution of the document. Voice vote: 3-0-0-2 (yay-nay-abstain-absent). Motion carried.

**6. Discussion and public comment regarding the implementation of a First Responder Fee and Subscription Fee for the Wellton Fire Department.**

Discussion regarding a potential First Responder Fee and Subscription for Emergency Medical Services by Wellton Fire Department.

- Both fees would be a user fee.
- An estimated 400 calls last fiscal year were medical related.

Questions from public:

- Sally Hawley: Why does the fire truck respond with Tri-Valley Ambulance?
- Michelle Jones: What equipment do you use? Would the subscription be town only or include the outlying areas?
- Sally Hawley: Would the money be only for the Fire Department?

Town Manager Killman would like to use money currently budgeted for the Fire Department in other areas of the General Fund. This fee would free up that revenue.

- Jim Williamson: Opinion that the money should be earmarked for the Fire Department and not put into the General Fund.
- Eli Ortega: Could you split the fee and earmark part for FD and part for General Fund?

Comment from Attorney Gary Verburg: A Fire Department fee would have to go to the Fire Department Budget – but that would free up funds previously budgeted that could be returned to

the General Fund.

- Shirley Reynolds: Would you want to hold off on instituting the subscription fee on November 7, 2017 until after the Tri-Valley Ambulance's Annual Benefit on November 25, 2017?

Public comments closed 7:49PM.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- The Grand Marshall list for Pioneer Day will be on the next agenda.
- More discussion on the Fire Recovery fees.
- Yuma County Flood Control District design recommendations will go to Yuma County Board of Supervisors on September 2017. Approval will be on a future agenda.
- The water rate study is still in process with RCAC.
- Staff is working on securing AEAFUCU accounts.

### **Staff's Report**

- Staff has been working on finding a used garbage truck. Another garbage truck went for auction at \$45,000.
- Staff has been able to procure an additional ADOC crew for 6 months. This crew is the "free" crew". They will be working on street landscaping maintenance, etc.
- Streets will be getting another 16-foot trailer to use with the crews.
- The Self-Help Housing Project has had to do another round of mailings to procure lots for the project.
- The areas that had the overlays applied earlier this year are scheduled for chip sealing in October.
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 6:30PM at Butterfield Park.

### **Council's Report**

- Councilmember Jones attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference in August.
- Mayor McCollough was sponsored to attend the local Leadership Conference.

### **Executive Session**

None requested.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Baughman to adjourn. Voice vote: 3-0-0-2 (yay-nay-abstain-absent). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.